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Closing Days in Canada.
In a few days Canada votes on reciprocity. The campaign, though short, has been for nothing, either of fact or fiction, calculated to arouse the voters. A big poll is expected.

An imaginary line separates America and Canada physically. No line at all is to be drawn between them as respects political campaigning. What has been going on across our northern border for some weeks past has reflected many American features. Hurlbald is fashioned in much the same way in both countries, and spellbinders play the same tricks.

The conservatives, with a weak case, have sought to change the issue. The response has been a decided one. The last House gave them their cue, and they have affected to be fighting not reciprocity so much as annexation. That is to say, they have keyed their campaign on the proposition that reciprocity is intended as the forerunner of the absorption of Canada by America. Let the Canadians look out. The Yankees under Mr. Taft's leadership are really seeking to haul down the Union Jack and raise the Stars and Stripes.

The liberals, with a strong case, have kept to the text. They have explained reciprocity in all of its bearings, and appealed to the business sense of the people. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's addresses are described as the best he has delivered in years. He has shown the vigor of a young man, not only in the energy of his speeches, but in the territory he has covered. He has not spared himself in any way.

Another feature of the campaign familiar on this side of the line is the confidence prevailing for publication in both parties. The result of the election, the conservatives are sure of victory. Warned of the real danger, as they have been, the Canadian people may be relied upon to defeat so insidious a move both against their business interests and their governmental integrity. Mr. Taft found an easy thing in Sir Wilfrid, but cannot hope to put his program over at the polls.

The liberals brush this aside, and declare that Sir Wilfrid is still master of the situation. He has been overmatched by nobody. He is nobody's fool or tool. In his negotiations with the American government he kept the welfare of Canada always in view, and his countrymen are amply protected in the pact now under consideration. The people will continue to trust the man they have long trusted, to their material gain and the honor of the country. All is over but the counting and the shouting.

Thursday will tell the tale. If the pact is ratified, business should soon show its value or lack of value. If it is defeated, reciprocity will simply be postponed. Freer trade between America and Canada must come, soon or late.

A Masher Slapped.
Assuming that the lady who slapped an insolent youth sharply Saturday night hit the right man, she is to be highly commended for her energy and promptness of action. Some such demonstration of resentment has been due for a long time to the young ladies who infest the downtown streets of this city. The young and angry women who are going about their own affairs properly. The "masher" is a most contemptible specimen of humanity. He seeks to protect himself from indignation by the probability of identifying and capturing him. He makes his remarks in passing, and thus leaves behind him a trail of nauseous suggestions.

It would be doubtless productive of good if the big brothers or the husbands of Washington were to take the burden of punishing this offensive creature upon themselves. A few strokes along F street or Pennsylvania avenue or 14th street, those being the three thoroughfares most frequented by the insulters of women, by able-bodied men with the intention of administering personal chastisement to these miserable wretches, would probably yield results. It is, of course, not desirable that the streets of Washington should be turned into a shambles or that the self-respecting young men of this city should take upon themselves the bearing of pugilists in public, but there is sufficient provocation in the behavior of a comparatively few corner loungers and carboon fighters to warrant an organized crusade against them.

As a rule the women are loath to make complaints against those who annoy them. They dread the publicity incident to complaint to the police and appearance in court, so they swallow their indignation and pass on. This case of Saturday night, however, shows that a different spirit animates some women. It would teach a wholesome lesson if a few more women acted as bravely and vigorously, a way being sure to pick the right man. Face slapping is perhaps not always the best method to adopt in such a case. A paroxysm, well laid on, would serve the purpose admirably.

Hawaii would be glad if the interest in a display of United States naval resources enabled it to conduct an annex to the big Panama exposition on the mainland.

Schools Are Open.
The army of youth advances today in another campaign for the acquisition of knowledge. With the opening of schools comes a strong impulse of activity among those who are training to bear the burdens of citizenship and social responsibility some years hence. The army, few of them realize the real significance of the school work which is assigned to them to do, and which they perform more or less as a task, rehearsing to do as easily to the majority of modern children that they do not appreciate as they should the advantage of it. They have to reap. We read the biographies of great men of other days in this country how they grew up with their cherished books and their heart's desire to master the rudiments of knowledge, and so, by the virtue of perseverance, made themselves ready for the battle of life. The front-

iers have been pushed back so far and the little red schoolhouse of the cross-roads has been succeeded so universally by the steam-heated, many-roomed, highly organized public school that education by the state is regarded as the right of every child and is valued less highly in consequence of the ease of its acquisition.

With the District's public schools being the children of Washington this year more keenly to recognize the fact that they are preparing themselves for the serious work of later years. In this lies the test of any educational system. It is not so much a question of how high scholastic standards are maintained by the pupils, how attractive are the exhibitions of work displayed toward the close of the year. It is certainly not a question of how many pupils achieved distinction on the athletic field, or who won the most prizes, or which has the most popular fraternities. It may not even be a question of which teacher has the largest classes; indeed, the larger the class the less likely it is to yield the maximum of benefit to the pupil. The real success is scored by the school in which the pupils, while treated as children and saved as far as possible from the grind that makes them prematurely old, are brought to understand that the lessons they are learning are all preparatory and contributory, and that the hours they spend within the schoolrooms are investments in future success.

When all is said the equation resolves down to two factors—the teacher and the pupil. The teacher must represent an elaborate institution with many superior officials and much administrative machinery. She may be aided or hindered by the mechanism of school organization. But in any case her efficiency, her knowledge of human nature, her tactfulness and finally her professional equipment determine her value as the representative of the state in the process of making men and women out of boys and girls. Given ideal teachers, most of the administrative machinery might be swept away and the schools allowed to rest upon their own foundations. But teachers need direction and encouragement, and in some cases, regulation, because, unfortunately, all are not up to the highest standard. The profession is poorly paid. The profession is poorly paid. It is poorly paid it seems to be necessary to maintain an expensive system of administration which is dependent upon to equalize the uneven merits of individuals and to give the children the maximum of benefit.

Edward Butler, Boss.
An old-time political boss paid the debt of nature in St. Louis the other day. He was rich, and his money had all been acquired in political activity. For years he "ran the town." He was frankness itself, and boasted that in the period of his power he had stolen many elections. His name was Edward Butler, and his out education, he had risen from poverty. He had the knack of managing men, and exercised it. His motto was "get there." He got there. The slums of St. Louis obeyed him, and the usufruct of his influence was gladly accepted by men "higher up."

At last the town experienced an awakening. The people rebelled at the steady and open booting, and found a leader in a young lawyer who had been elected prosecuting attorney. Joseph W. Folk discovered a good deal to prosecute; and in the face of many threats did his duty. He broke up the booting, and scattered the booters.

Among the booters prosecuted was Butler. He was indicted, tried and convicted on the charge of bribery, but won on an appeal to a higher court. His case secured the best of legal talent, and the skillful maneuvering of skillful lawyers brought him out of his tribulations. He did not "time."

But his power was broken. He was unable to resume business at the old stand. He was a marked man; and then the town had gone beyond him.

And yet it is stated that Butler retained the friendship of many men of good standing in the community. He was rough and tough, and disgraced by his record, but it was said of him that his word was as good as his bond, and that he had never asserted a friend. How often that eulogy has carried a man of that kind!

The old bosses are passing, though bossism is not. New times, new men; new men, new methods. In every large city is an element that responds readily to who is called "doing business." The Butlers had their way with it for a long time, and, armed with it, created wealth for themselves and power for others. In one quarter they were democrats. In another quarter they were republicans.

The successors of these men must find new ways, and new methods. The old ways, while the fields for bosses remain, bosses will develop. But it is something to believe that the era of bold election highwayman has passed, and that a closer watch is set now on the polls than has hitherto been known.

The promptness with which the Beattie case was handled has led to comment on the expedition shown in the Crippen trial. As a matter of fact the Beattie trial shows to advantage, as the Judge sacrificed less time and dignity in an effort to impress the importance of his personal emotions.

The "Masher."
Rudyard Kipling does not hesitate to speak disparagingly of America's social tendencies. And many Americans regarded the furor which Mr. Kipling's entertaining but brusque literary style created as one of the most significant symptoms of relaxing standards.

A good solid vote for reciprocity would be one means which Canada might employ for the discouragement of undignified methods in influencing elections.

The Chinese Turmoil.
The Chinese situation grows more disquieting with each fresh dispatch from the disturbed provinces. The people seem to be thoroughly aroused against both the government and the foreigners, and it is with great difficulty that the imperial forces are preserving order in the regions immediately surrounding the most seriously affected province, Sze Chuen. This province lies on the extreme western border of China proper, adjoining Tibet. It is difficult of access, and consequently the foreign runabouts are of little or no use in effecting a rescue of endangered citizens. There is reason to believe that the missionaries and other foreigners have escaped to comparatively untroubled places, though there can be no positive assurance of their security until they are on board men-of-war, or have reached Shanghai. Details of the uprising are so meager that the whole case is virtually left to the imagination, with recollection of the happenings of 1900, which were fully described in all their distressing circumstances after peace

had been restored. The Chinese government is much stronger now than it was eleven years ago, and it is to be believed that it will pursue this policy eventually. For the sake of China, it is to be hoped that this can be done without calling upon the powers for assistance or the organization of an international relief expedition. Far eastern intrigue would be greatly stimulated by such an outcome of this disturbance, and in all likelihood China would emerge from the affair with curtailed territory, and with possibly at least two of the powers lowering at one another over the spoils.

At all events these discussions of Alaska's resources have served to do away with the suspicions once so general that Russia sold Uncle Sam a gold brick. Perhaps the day will come when the Philippines, instead of being contemplated with misgivings, will be the subject of the conservationists' most cherishing care.

Russian assassins who select the theater as the scene of attack are likely to get into trouble with grand opera performers, who resent anything that shifts attention away from them.

Maybe some of these sentimentalists who so industriously sympathize with Henry Clay Beattie would even take a chance on going driving with him on a lonely road.

It is not natural that a governor should desire as much in the way of state rights as possible. The dignity and importance of his own position demand it.

When the governors get together they insist on saying a few things instead of being content to elect officers and indulge in passing personalities.

Mr. Meien has fully explained that his talk of resigning was a joke. Mr. Meien is a railway man; not a humorist.

Paris has lost the Mona Lisa, but it still has the Moulin Rouge and Maxims to attract tourists.

SHOOTING STARS.
BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Close Calculation.
"Horse sick?" asked the man in the buggy.

"Yes," replied the man with a spring-wagon.

"Hard luck, ain't it?"

"Oh, I dunno. It's gettin' so medicine is cheaper than hay."

"Expectin' a man to find satisfaction in hearin' about yon troubles," said Uncle Eben. "Gives him credit for havin' a purty pore disposition."

The Tariff.
"Tis so complex there seems to be no way to finally arrange it."

As soon as it is right for me, Some one is sure to want to change it.

The Live Litterateur Resented.
"You don't seem to care for any authors except those of a previous generation."

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I am kind of prejudiced in their favor. You see, there's no chance that mother an' the girls will invite 'em to parties to act supercilious and superior."

Benefited.
"Yes," said Farmer Cornstossel, "I read every one of those speeches you printed in the Record."

"Did they benefit you?"

"Yes, sir. I won the two dollars Zeb Perkins bet that it couldn't be done."

The House Fly's Doom.
Oh, hated malefactor of ill-health, The foe alike of poverty and wealth, Your end approaches! We rejoice to know

That you ere long must hear the call, and go.

Your destination is a matter small. You've got to make your get-away—that's all.

And when the frost compels you to depart, No friends will be on hand to see you start.

There will be much rejoicing through the town, The brow on which you grazed will lose its frown.

The germ that used you for an aeroplane Must now get out and walk, its goal to gain.

No more your ribald song is harshly sung; No more you sound that fierce triumphant "Stunt!"

No more to scenes of squalor shall you turn. As gay as Nero when he watched Rome burn.

You've had your day; and though the winds may roar And snowdrifts pile around the shivering door

And halloos rattle, we will smile and cry, "Thank Heaven, this climate keeps away the fly!"

The "Masher."
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Cleveland Judge who proposes to discourage "mashers" by sending them where penal restraint makes street corner loafing impossible will have the backing of the public if he sticks to his purpose. The "masher" is at heart a thug and would become one actively if he had the courage. The law should deal with him somewhat upon that basis. Other cities have had more frequent occasion to deal with this brand of offender than has Cleveland. But his habits are the same everywhere. He belongs to a universal brotherhood of underestability, whose extermination by whatever means possible is a public necessity.

Against the Sweatshop.
From the New York Times.

Nobody will try to defend the sweatshop system. Its effects in the ill-ventilated and poorly lighted homes of thousands of women and children of this city are generally understood and condemned. If permitted to go on unrestricted by reasonable measures, this business will continue largely to nullify the efforts of the authorities to make the city's congested quarters sanitary and habitable. But a specific report, carefully prepared, is needed before the legislature can deal with the situation justly. The New York child labor committee proposes that a commission to prepare such a report be created now by legislative enactment, so that it may present its remedial bills to the legislature of 1912.

Graft in Cuba.
From the Philadelphia Ledger.

If half the stories that are brought from Cuba are true the moral state of the government does not differ greatly from that of our own country a few generations ago, when legislative and executive corruption flourished with a far more flagrant disregard of decency and right than anything of which the present has cognizance. The Cubans are now in an elemental stage of self-government. It is, perhaps, too much to expect of them that they should conceive at the beginning of their experiment a state of efficiency and honesty to which many older self-governing communities with more than a century of experience and training have not reached.

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